

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for ~~[[treating]]~~ reducing snoring in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to ~~[[a]]~~ the patient an agent for treating symptoms of hyper-acidity or gastro-intestinal reflux disease (GERD).
- 2-4. **(Canceled)**
5. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein said agent is an H<sub>2</sub> histamine receptor antagonist, an inhibitor of H<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup> ATPase, a proton pump inhibitor, a Bismuth compound, an antacid, a synthetic analog of somatostatin, an antiemetic agent, a sucralfate, prostaglandin analog, a muscarinic cholinergic antagonist, a D<sub>2</sub> antagonist, a chenodeoxycholic acid, an ursodeoxycholic acid, or a pancreatic enzyme preparation.
6. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein said agent is an inhibitor of gastric secretion.
7. **(Withdrawn, Previously Presented)** The method of claim 6, wherein said inhibitor is an H<sub>2</sub> histamine receptor antagonist selected from TAGAMET<sup>TM</sup> (cimetidine), ZANTAC<sup>TM</sup> (ranitidine), PEPCID<sup>TM</sup> (famotidine), or AXID<sup>TM</sup> (nizatidine).
8. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 6, wherein said inhibitor is an H<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup> ATPase selected from PREVACID<sup>TM</sup> (lansoprazole), NEXIUM<sup>TM</sup> (esomeprazole magnesium), or PRILOSEC<sup>TM</sup> (omeprazole).
9. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 6, wherein said inhibitor is PREVACID<sup>TM</sup> (lansoprazole).
10. **(Withdrawn, Previously Presented)** The method of claim 6, wherein said inhibitor is PROTONIX<sup>®</sup> (pantoprazole sodium) or ACIPHEX<sup>®</sup> (rabeprazole sodium or pariprazole).
11. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 6, wherein said inhibitor is a compound or a pharmaceutical composition represented by any of formulas I-XVIII or salts thereof.
- 12-17. **(Canceled)**